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SUBJ: TURKISH-SOVIET RELATIONS: STATUS REPORT ON "POLITICAL
DOCUMENT"

1. DECEMBER 6 EMBOFF DISCUSSED WITH MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR EASTERN
DEPARTMENT, SELCUK TARIAN, STATUS OF SOVIET INVITATION TO TURKISH
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PRIMIN DEMIREL TO VISIT SOVIET UNION AND OF "POLITICAL DOCUMENT"
WHICH PRESUMABLY WOULD BE SIGNED DURING SUCH VISIT. TARLAN
SAID HE DOD NOT EXPECT DEMIREL TO VISIT SOVIET UNION UNTIL SOME
TIME AFTER MARCH, AT THE EARLIEST. HE SPECULATED THAT DEMIREL
MIGHT POSTPONE VISIT INDEFINITELY IF US-TURKISH DEFENSE
COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) ENDORSED BY CONGRESS. SHOULD CONGRESS
REJECT DCA, TARLAN SAID, HE BELIEVED THAT DEMIREL WOULD FEEL A

POLITICAL NEED TO MAKE A PUBLIC SHOWING OF STRENGTHENING TURKISH TIES WITH THE SOVIET UNION BY MAKING EARLY VISIT.

2. TARLAN SAID TURKEY IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO SIGN A POLITICAL DOCUMENT DURING THE NEXT VISIT OF A HIGH-LEVEL TURKISH OFFICIAL TO THE SOVIET UNION. DESPITE THE GENERALLY RECOGNIZED COMMITMENT, NO REAL NEGOTIATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE. DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED, BUT THERE IS NO SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE TWO VERSIONS, TARLAN SAID. MFA PROFESSIONALS ARE VERY CONCERNED THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN AUTHORITY BY PRIMIN TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS. IF DEMIRET DOES NOT GIVE THEM SUCH AUTHORITY, THEY FEAR THEY WILL BE FORCED TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS IN AN IMPOSSIBLY SHORT PERIOD (PERHAPS DURING VISIT). THE RESULT OF SUCH FORCED-PACE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE EITHER TURKISH ACCESSION TO AN UNSATISFACTORY DOCUMENT OF FAILURE TO REACH AGREEMENT. NEITHER OUTCOME WOULD SERVE TURKISH INTERESTS. TARLAN SAID DEMIREL STILL HAD NOT, HOWEVER, SOUGHT AUTHORITY FROM THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS.

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